



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, November 1, 2007

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, November 1, 2007, at 3:00 p.m., at the Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Erminia Ramirez
Jim Holley
Mohamed Okdie
Willie Hampton
Arthur Blackwell II (**ABS**)

Department Personnel Present

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings
AC Ralph Godbee
AC Robert Dunlap
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Lt. Charles Wilson
Lt. Darwin Roche
Sgt. Diane Benners
Sgt. Eddie Coxton
PO Sophia Nelms

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Investigator
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Leslie Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS

LaWanda Hail-Ruffin
Ron Scott
Edward Moore
Minnie Johnson
Sylvester Copeland
Edith Pay

RECORDERS

Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ramirez called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:23p.m.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the presence of the staff.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Thursday, November 1, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: **Comm. Okdie** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Thursday, October 25, 2007

MOTION: **Comm. Okdie** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

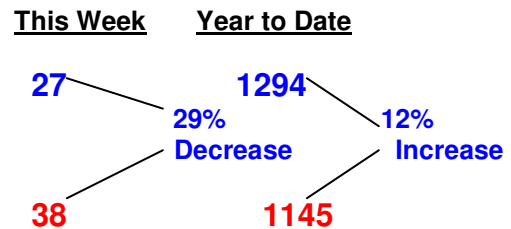
4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **1,180** active investigations, of which **886** of those are for 2007.

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS								Total
CCR	W/E 9/06/07	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
2	CENTRAL		1			1			1	3
1	COMM/OPS			1						1
5	EASTERN		3			2			1	6
1	FUGITIVE APPREH.		1					1		2
3	NORTHEASTERN		1			3			1	5
5	NORTHWESTERN		3		1	3			1	8
	ORGANIZED CRIME									
2	SOUTHWESTERN		2			1				3
2	TRAFFIC ENFC.	1	1	1		2				5
6	UNKNOWN		2	1		5				8
	VICE									
1	VIOLENT CRIMES		1							1
3	WESTERN		1			2				3
31			16	3	1	19		1	4	45

Chairperson Holley asked if anything had been planned and submitted to show how OCI plans to catch up on the 2007 complaints.

Exec Dir. Goss stated that OCI has put together a "Cold Case Squad," and he hasn't received an update, but will get that information.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Chief Inv. Sheard for an update.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated there is a Cold Case Squad that is investigating 120 cases from 2006. It is OCI'S goal to have all of those done before going into the year 2008. Going into 2008, they will only have cases from June of 2007 through the current date.

Comm. Holley asked for Chief Inv. Sheard to explain the Cold Case Squad.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated they handle cases dating from January of 2006 to June of 2006. If there are additional old cases beyond that date, then they will work on those cases.

Comm. Holley asked is there something in place that will allow OCI to catch up in 2008 or 2009.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated there are two ways to approach that. One way, of which is not feasible, and that is to increase their staff.

Comm. Holley stated that is a negative approach that will not allow you to go forward.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated one way is to increase staff, and the other is to continue the current process with the Cold Case Squad. He has asked the investigators to give more production to help reduce those numbers.

Comm. Holley asked how many investigators OCI has.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated there are 12 investigators.

Comm. Holley stated for some reason he thought there were 24.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated that count includes clerical and senior investigators who aren't required to do investigations.

Comm. Holley asked how many senior investigators do you have.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated there are two. One handles the technology and the other handles Community Relations, which is Ms. Griffin.

Comm. Holley stated there would be 14 if those two were added.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated there would be several more if the supervisors are added, but they are required to do other functions.

Comm. Holley stated what you are really saying is that what's being asked of the department is impossible to do at this time.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated it is a mammoth undertaking, but they are doing what they can. The stick is getting shorter and shorter.

Chairperson Ramirez acknowledged the arrival of Comm. Hampton at 3:46 pm.

5. REPORT/PRESENTATION-CHIEF OF POLICE

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SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of October 22, 2007 through October 28, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 73 search warrants and 22 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 52 Felony arrests
- 148 Misdemeanor arrests
- 3 Juveniles detained
- 793.30 grams of cocaine, 50.4 grams of heroin, and 3,840.40 grams of marijuana and 267 pills, with a total street value:
- \$ 426,071.60
- \$ 33,291.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 19 Handguns

Southwestern District

On October 22nd, while on patrol, officers of the Southwestern District heard gunshots in the area of Tireman and Livernois. **Due to the officers' quick response to investigate, a subject was arrested and charged with (1) 2-Counts of Assault with Intent to Murder, (2) 2-Counts of Aggravated Assault, (3) Carrying a Concealed Weapon, and (4) Felony Firearm. A handgun was confiscated.**



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.



Engaging the Community

ATTENTION	Location	Hours of Operation	Telephone
Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.	2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
	7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
	13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
	19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
	13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
	12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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Special points of interest:

- **Next meeting:**
Thursday, November 8, 2007
@ 6:30 P.M.
- NFL Youth Education Town Detroit**
16500 Tireman Street
Detroit, Michigan 48228

Police / Community Intervention

NOVEMBER 1, 2007



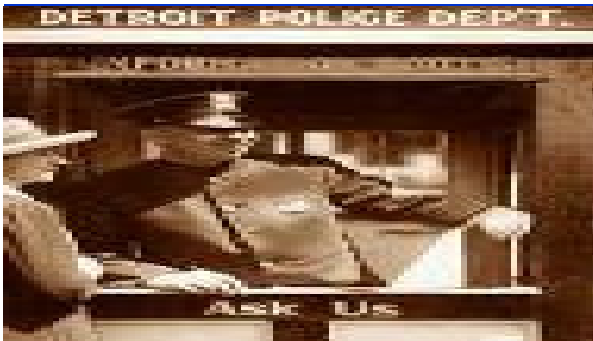
WESTERN DISTRICT

On October 22nd, officers of the Western District were in the area of Linwood and Clements conducting a traffic investigation when their vehicle was rear-ended by another vehicle. As a result of an investigation at the scene, the motorist was arrested and charged with (1) Driving While License Suspended and (2) Traffic Warrant.



CENTRAL DISTRICT

On October 23rd, officers of the Central District arrested a subject for "Larceny," who was subsequently charged with (1) Larceny over \$1000, (2) Receiving & Concealing Stolen Property over \$1000, and (3) Malicious Destruction of Property. Stolen items were recovered and returned to the owners.



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

On October 24th, officers of the Western District investigated and arrested a person for "Domestic Violence." As a result of the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was charged with (1) Felon in Possession, (2) Felony Firearms, and (3) Habitual 4th Degree.



Chief Bully-Cummings stated there is no presentation because most of the officers worked during Angel's Night. She stated the department did a good job overall.

Chairperson Ramirez asked were there any major incidents.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated no major incidents, but they did encounter a number of young people throwing bricks and rocks at moving cars and tossing tires onto the freeway. She indicated she had not encountered this before. One incident caused a really bad accident. This is really sad because it compromises the safety of the citizens of Detroit.

Comm. Holley asked have they had the trial for the shootings on Clairmount.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated no.

Comm. Holley stated he saw the news and someone got life for the killing of two children.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that was the shooting on Mansfield.

Comm. Holley stated two children got killed there as well.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes, a 13 year old and a 11 year old were shot in the back of their heads.

Comm. Holley stated the City has so many killings to where he is getting them mixed up.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes, this happened when the owner of the home was called to a house and they bound him and took him to his house to rob him of narcotics. That made it four people in the house, and two were killed and the owner of the house was shot but he survived. There was one female and four males involved and the sentencing came down yesterday.

Comm. Holley thanked the Chief for clearing that mistake.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated there was an article in the newspaper that featured the greeters, a pilot program at the Northwestern District. They hope to implement this in the other districts. They are there to assist the citizens based on the services at the district.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she remembers the Central District doing something like that.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated they use a lot of the graduates from the Police Academy after their training. She stated the next district to have the greeters will be the Western District.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she and some colleagues had a meeting with DC Barden-Jackson of the Southwestern District to help assist the department. There were four citizens that wanted to volunteer their time doing translation. They are available wherever they are needed.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated this would be great in the Southwestern District as the department does a speaking engagement for those who want to become greeters.

Chairperson Ramirez stated for the record, she is a graduate of the Citizen's Police Academy.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated a couple of weeks ago, there was a citizen complaining about the poor service he received from the district. The department has a video at each of the districts now. She was able to monitor one of the districts from her office. She stated this will be good for the citizens and the officers.

Chairperson Ramirez asked does it have audio as well.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated yes.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it is a good idea to have both.

Comm. Hampton stated a few weeks ago, there was a discussion on getting the citizens involved, and the Mayor was putting together a program that was stolen by the city of Philadelphia to get more males involved. He asked for an update on that program.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she spoke on this a couple of days ago with the ministers of Detroit, and it's the Boston Ten Point Plan that you are referencing. That program was driven by the churches in the most problematic areas. She asked AC Godbee to speak because he has been involved with the process.

AC Godbee stated they are exploring the 10,000 people that were recruited in Philadelphia. The Mayor is interested in that approach, but he and the Chief want to have a plan in place when they call these 10,000 people. The department may ask them to be Detroit Police Reserves, but they have to determine if they have the capacity if that's the plan.

The Chief is working on something similar to the Boston Ten Point Plan, which was spearheaded by Rev. Eugene Rivers who was in partnership with police. They went through a period where they had zero homicides of teenagers 16 and under.

Comm. Hampton stated if you need some volunteers, to include him and Rev. Holley.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she is glad to see that sexual harassment training will be made available to all sworn and civilian members of the Detroit Police Department.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Comm. Hampton stated he wanted to commend the department for doing an excellent job for Halloween.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it was an excellent job.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Chairperson Ramirez asked to know the status of OCI working with the department to enter the Citizen Complaint Reports (CCR's) into the IMAS system.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated they are still in the developmental stages and his understanding is that it is now called the MAS system.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the MAS system has not been piloted at this time. IMAS is the interim stage and once it is fully developed, it will be the MAS system.

AC Godbee stated they will start beta testing the MAS system which will be the fully integrated hub that will pull information from various databases. Dr. Harrison and his group have finished the design phase. It will be beta tested in January and will be rolled out in July of 2008. The Department of Justice (DOJ) is in awe of how the system is put together.

The IMAS system is a separate system that will provide some baseline data of the final MAS product. Lt. Leach has been communicating with OCI to see how that data will be pulled in.

Chairperson Ramirez asked would OCI be able to enter CCR's in January.

AC Godbee stated yes, the system would be pulling from OCI during the beta testing process.

Chairperson Ramirez stated as of now, that information can't be downloaded until all of that is in place.

AC Godbee stated that's correct.

Chairperson Ramirez stated we can continue to input on our end and forward it to the department.

AC Godbee stated that's correct.

Chairperson Ramirez stated not to download, but to run a report.

AC Godbee stated yes, ma'am.

Chairperson Ramirez asked who the report should be given to.

AC Godbee stated she can give it to him for distribution.

Chairperson Ramirez stated for the citizens, the report she is referring to is all the data that OCI enters in their data base which spells out the number of demeanor, procedure, force, arrest, harassment and entries that are alleged against the officers.

She asked what the timeframe will be for the status report from the department on the last report that was given by OCI.

AC Godbee stated he doesn't have a timeframe because of the alleged allegations. Contractually, there are some limitations as to what the department can do.

Chairperson Ramirez stated because of the union.

AC Godbee stated that's correct and that is one piece of the puzzle. That information does allow them to look at other factors. That information by itself may not be enough to warrant action, but it is a tool that they can use.

Chairperson Ramirez stated if the officer has more than three complaints and some had more than 25, then hopefully their supervisor will have a talk with that officer.

AC Godbee stated you are absolutely correct. The IMAS system allows that to take place. Three inputs good or bad will call for a sit down conversation with the officer.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she believes that OCI'S office can give a report of how many officers were exonerated.

AC Godbee stated the OCI gives them that report.

Chairperson Ramirez stated the officers need that positive feedback.

AC Godbee stated when they receive that information from OCI, the officers are also made aware of it.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that Comm. Okdie is still waiting on a summarization from the mental health conference that was held in Memphis.

AC Godbee stated that Sgt. Jovan Johnson from the Central District has a written report and he will make sure that Comm. Okdie receives it.

Comm. Holley asked Ms. Griffin about the survey on how the citizens feel about the police department.

L. Griffin stated they are still working on the survey, and will present the Board with ten questions about the restructuring of the Districts.

Atty. Hooks stated a draft of those questions was given to the Board about a week ago and that three additional questions would make it ten. They should be able to get them to the Board on Tuesday and if approved, it will be put into final form.

Chairperson Ramirez stated she would like to mention the questions to the community to see if they would like to add something. It is a two-page survey and they would like to keep it as short as possible.

Atty. Hooks stated that is not a problem, once the Board okays the draft, it can be shared with the community to see if they would like to add something. The protocol calls for it to come to the Board first.

Comm. Holley asked who will be doing the survey, and is there an independent company to do the survey.

Atty. Hooks stated, as she understands, this is more of a poll than a survey.

Comm. Holley asked who will be doing the poll.

Atty. Hooks stated it will be conducted by Ms. Griffin.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it's just a poll.

Atty. Hooks stated yes, to gather basic information, and later they can see if anything else can be done with it. If it needs to be expanded, an outside company such as Wayne State can conduct it. She understood that the Board wanted to know how the citizens feel about the restructuring.

Comm. Okdie stated this questionnaire/survey/poll, what population will be receiving it.

Atty. Hooks stated from her understanding this will be given out at the Districts 'community meetings and available on the web site.

Comm. Okdie asked who is going to analyze the information from the survey.

Atty. Hooks stated that Board and its staff can.

Comm. Okdie stated once it is analyzed, what emphasis you would draw from the information that you have gathered, and for what purpose.

Atty. Hooks stated she didn't attend the community meeting, but it is her understanding there were questions being raised about the redistricting and whether or not it was working. Whether or not the citizens feel safer and those are the type of questions that are being framed for the poll.

Comm. Okdie stated he asked those questions, because those are very loaded questions. He has some serious concerns about who constructs the questions. He is really concerned about what information is gathered from these questions, and what is done with it. He doesn't want the Board and staff to be doing this questionnaire/survey/poll without having a targeted population that is being looked at. There may be groups that want to do a Freedom of Information Act request for those results.

Comm. Holley stated in defense, he is the one who requested the survey and he will cooperate with the wishes of Comm. Okdie. He stated there are two things he wanted to find out if the citizens are happy with the service of the police department. The second thing is to compare the Chief's information with the information from the citizens, and how it can help the police department and the community.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated the department did an online questionnaire about the restructuring. She can give the Board a copy of the results. The results will not be the same today. Since the restructuring, the department has lost a significant number of people. She isn't happy because the department doesn't have enough officers to service the public. The poll has to be properly supported so that it will not come back and hurt the department.

Comm. Okdie stated he has the same concern, and he understands Comm. Holley's motives. He would not have a problem if a firm is hired to do the poll.

Comm. Holley stated he never asked for it to be done in house, but he understands there are budget restraints.

Atty. Hooks stated this has not been circulated and it can be pulled. If the Board will like to move forward, they can perhaps look at Wayne State to provide this service. The Board is now formally requesting a copy of the department's questionnaire.

Comm. Hampton stated it should be held so there can be more discussion on it, but it is an excellent idea. He stated that the economy has a lot to do with crime in the City.

Atty. Hooks stated the Board has to determine what it is they want to measure and then other questions can be framed based upon those measurements.

Chairperson Ramirez stated once they determine the measuring point.

Atty. Hooks stated yes, in whatever area you want to look.

Comm. Holley stated he has no problem and maybe the Chief can appoint someone to work with you on it, so it incorporates their ideas as well.

Comm. Okdie stated he just wants the results to be accurate.

Chairperson Ramirez asked were there any citizens who would like to speak on this subject.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 8, 2007 @ 6:30 p.m.
Northwestern District
NFL Youth Education Town Detroit
16500 Tireman
Detroit, MI 48228

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

S. Copeland stated he had been harassed by the police department in 1993 before he left and those problems have continued upon his return to Detroit.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Mr. Copeland what he's asking this Board to do.

S. Copeland stated he wants the Board to investigate the harassment and misconduct by the police department.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Mr. Copeland if he filed a complaint with the Office of the Chief Investigator.

S. Copeland stated he doesn't know the Chief Investigator.

Chairperson Ramirez asked for Mr. Copeland to see Chief Inv. Sheard after the meeting.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated from this date forward, there will be an Investigator in the audience who will be taking complaints.

Comm. Holley stated you have someone here to help you today.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated yes.

Comm. Holley asked for Chief Inv. Sheard to identify that person.

Chief Inv. Sheard stated that would be Investigator Banks.

Comm. Holley stated to Mr. Copeland that Investigator Banks will be taking his complaint now.

Comm. Hampton stated he invited a guest and would like her to share an incident that happened to her.

Ms. Johnson stated she was beaten in her garage by a man. She began to yell "fire" and the man ran and she ran behind to see if he was getting into a car. She stated there were officers there in minutes because there was another situation that had taken place fifteen minutes before her encounter in the same area. She wanted to know what can be done about situations like hers. Her only disappointment is that the 911 Operator didn't know what fire meant. John McKee and two other plain-clothes officers assisted her. She stated they did not have streetlights during her encounter.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated she hears her pain and the officer was the one who was shot and just returned to the force a couple of weeks ago. She asked AC Dunlap to take Ms. Johnson's information.

Chairperson Ramirez asked Ms. Johnson are the street lights still out.

Ms. Johnson stated the street lights came on around 11 pm.

Comm. Holley stated that the perpetrator has been known to ride a bike. He informed Ms. Johnson to put more lights around her house.

M. Johnson stated she does have lights down her driveway.

Comm. Holley stated the more lights you have, the more the neighbors will be able to see as well. He stated saying fire for your neighbors doesn't mean the same thing to the 911 Operator.

Ms. Johnson stated that everyone on the block will be installing more lights, and stated she would be glad to volunteer in any capacity.

E. Moore stated he is here on the behalf of Councilman Kwame Kenyatte, and please feel free to call his office if he can be of any help.

E. Pay stated that she had a similar experience where the perpetrator came into her house. Their block club held a meeting to do a neighborhood watch. She sits on the Community Relations Council for the Western District; and they had several hundred kids to attend the Halloween party.

Chairperson Ramirez stated it would have been nice to know how many kids came to the six districts.

Chief Bully-Cummings stated that she and AC Dunlap talked about doing Comstat in the community during the evening. It used to be held at Cobo Hall during the daytime and it was inconvenient for the citizens. She has asked AC Godbee to put the crime data and crime sheets that include pictures of the perpetrator on the Internet for citizens to view what is happening in their neighborhood.

Chairperson Ramirez stated that is excellent, and make sure that information can be given to the Community Relations Councils so it can be distributed within the neighborhood.

Comm. Holley introduced Dr. Paula Duren a guest of the Board who will be spearheading the Board's retreat.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

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